(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c) Question does not arise.

Safety in Mines

5525. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the management of the mines were found responsible for most of the accidents as per findings made by the investigating committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to fix responsibility in this regard and to ensure safety in mines ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Managements were found responsible for fatal accidents that occurred during the 1994 and 1995: -

	1994	1995
Management	41	33
Management & Subordinate Supervisory Staff	31	28
Management, Subordinate Supervisory Staff & Others	12	6
Management & Others	12	14
Others	121	132

(c) The provisions for safety of persons employed in mines are contained in the Mines Act 1952, and the rules and regulations framed thereunder. The managements are responsible for day to day operations in the mines and to ensure that provisions of the statute are complied with. The officers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety make inspections to over-see the status of safety and advise the management accordingly. The Directorate General of Mines Safety draws the attention of mine managements about the contraventions of the statutes etc. and advises them to rectify the defects and even launch prosecution of persons held responsible under the statute. A Parliamentary sub-committee of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Labour had been constituted to look into the status of safety in mines. This sub-committee has since submitted its report to the Ministry of Labour. Apart from the legislative measures, the Government is taking/supporting following measures/ initiatives :

(i) holding of periodic conferences on safety in mines;

(ii) self-regulation by managements;

(iii) workers' participation in safety management;

(iv) tripartite and bipartite reviews of safety measures at different levels;

(v) training of work persons;

(vi) observance of safety weeks and safety campaigns;

(vii) National Safety Awards; and

(viii) Training and retraining of officers of Directorate General of Mines Safety.

Loss to Airlines

5526. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the comparative domestic and international aviation fuel prices;

(b) whether the Private Airlines Operators and the Indian Airlines have been lately demanding aviation fuel at subsidised/cheaper, international prices;

(c) if so, the decision taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether unutilized and low passenger capacity in different Air services are causing huge losses to the exchequer; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make them economically viable ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Average cost of Aviation Turbine Fuel for domestic operators is Rs. 14,850/- per kilo litre as against the rate of Rs. 8,400/- per kilo litre charged from Air India and other international operators.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The demand has not been found acceptable at present.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Agreement between Tata-Singapore Airlines

5527. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any agreement has been reached between Tata and Singapore Airlines; and

(b) if so, the details of the agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) A proposal has been received